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## FINAL PASSAGE

### **HB 4276 (Shulman)**

HB 4276 would establish a Holocaust remembrance week in Michigan. The date was chosen to correspond with a key date in Jewish history, April 19, 1943, the beginning of the Warsaw ghetto uprising. The bill encourages individuals, educational and social institutions to reflect and educate and rededication to the principles of freedom. The U.S. Congress has already established these same dates for remembrance.

- **HB 4276 passed with IE [RC 53: 37 yes, 1 no].**

### **HB 4463 (Robertson)**

HB 4463 would establish a state sponsored Cancer Awareness fund-raising license plate, and a Cancer Awareness fund within Treasury. The \$25 fund-raising donations would be deposited into the newly established fund and distributed on a quarterly basis in the following manner: 1/3<sup>rd</sup> to the Michigan Chapter of the American Cancer Society, 1/3<sup>rd</sup> to the Barbara Ann Karmonos Cancer Institute and 1/3<sup>rd</sup> to Hospice of Michigan.

- **HB 4463 passed with IE [RC 54: 31 yes, 6 no].**

### **HB 4720 (Lajoy)**

### **HB 4722 (Moolenaar)**

HB 4270 requires the Department of Management and Budget create a cooperative bulk purchasing program for school districts, public school academies and intermediate school districts. The Department of Management and Budget reports that it already provides these services to school districts without being required to do so. The Committee amended the bill to include non-public schools in those eligible to participate. Concerns were raised by Senator Clark-Coleman that this might be unconstitutional given Michigan's prohibition against direct or indirect aid to non-public schools.

- **CLARKE-COLEMAN 1 (1 amend) was defeated [no RC]. This would have removed language allowing nonpublic schools to join public schools in cooperative bulk purchasing programs.**
- **HB 4720 passed with IE [RC 58: 30 yes, 7 no].**

HB 4722 would exempt items purchased through cooperative bulk purchasing with other districts coordinated by the Department of Management and Budget from current laws requiring competitive bidding for purchases over \$17,932.

- HB 4722 passed with IE [RC 59: 37 yes, 0 no].

### **HB 5009 (Hoogendyk)**

HB 5009 would change the current criteria to serve on a county's Department of Veterans' Affairs Committee allow up to two members on the committee who have served in the same war or conflict. [Currently, a county's board of commissioners has authority to create a Department of Veterans' Affairs and appoint three to five veterans to the committee, of which not more than one member can be representative of a single war or conflict.]

Support: Department of Michigan Veterans of Foreign Wars, Michigan Association of Counties, Commanders Group of Veterans Organizations.

- HB 5009 passed with IE [RC 56: 37 yes, 0 no].

### **HB 5179 (Newell)**

HB 5179 would allow for two contiguous townships to utilize a combined publicly owned or controlled building. Two townships in Ionia County (Berlin and Orange) want to build a joint township hall. This legislation is needed in the event that either one or both townships want to use the township hall for a voting precinct

Support: Michigan Township Association, Secretary of State and officials from Berlin and Orange Townships.

- HB 5179 passed with IE [RC 57: 37 yes, 0 no].

### **HB 5183 (Stahl)**

HB 5183 would require FIA to establish and administer a state plan for foster care according to federal regulations. The plan would have to include programs and services to promote, implement and support foster care focus groups. Foster care focus groups would provide state government officials and foster care professionals an opportunity to interact with and learn from people who have been in the system. This would encourage improvement of foster care services, and allow future kids in foster care to avoid the pitfalls prior generations had encountered.

- HB 4720 passed with IE [RC 55: 36 yes, 0 no].

### **HB 5244 (Middaugh)**

HB 5244 would allow a person claiming a special tool exemption to include the aggregate total original cost of excluded exempt special tools on one separate line in a statement that is required by a local assessing officer instead of including a separate line for each special tool. The bill is consistent with the procedure for personal property tax statements.

Support: Department of Treasury, Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

- Committee 1 (S-2) was adopted [no RC].
- HB 5244 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.
- HB 5244 passed with IE [RC 52: 37 yes, 0 no].

## THIRD READING

### **SB 882 (Hammerstrom)**

SB 882 would require the driver of a motor vehicle who was transporting a child under four to position the child in a child restraint system in a seat located behind the driver. The bill would also remove a provision that currently exempts nursing children from being secured in child restraint systems.

Support: State Police.

- Committee 1 (2 amends) was adopted [no RC]. This would allow a child to be seated in the front seat (in a restraint seat) if all of the back seats were occupied with children in restraint seats.
- SB 882 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.

## RESOLUTIONS

### **HR 211 (Kuipers)**

A resolution to recognize and commend railroads and the United Transportation Union operating in the state of Michigan for improving their safety and efficiency by taking advantage of the innovative technology used for remote-controlled locomotives.

- HR 211 was adopted [no RC].